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SUBJECT: FBIS PLANNING FOR WEST EUROPE BUREAU Y

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1. AS FOLLOWUP TO OUR CONVERSATION OF LAST OCTOBER, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT FBIS NOW HAS DDCI AND DO CONCURRENCE IN PRINCIPLE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW BUREAU IN WEST EUROPE. WE ALSO HAVE HIGH-LEVEL STATE APPROVAL TO GATHER THE DATA FOR A FIRM PROPOSAL AND HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH THE DOD FOCAL POINT SYSTEM. I PROPOSE SENDING A TWO-MAN TEAM COMPRISING DD/FBIS [] (SIS-2) AND THE CHIEF, OF FBIS' ENGINEERING SUPPORT GROUP [] (SIS-2) [] ON 3 FEBRUARY FOR A TWO-WEEK PERIOD TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LOCATIONS WITH YOU AND EMBASSY OFFICERS AND MAKE SITE SURVEYS IN SOUTHERN GERMANY. REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE IN THEIR TRAVEL. FIRM ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. Y

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2. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME PRELIMINARY DATA ON OUR PROPOSAL:

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A. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN FBIS BUREAU IN WEST GERMANY WILL ENABLE US TO KEEP PACE WITH THE GROWING USE OF SATELLITE AND CABLE DATA TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGIES TO SATISFY THE COMMUNITY'S PUBLIC MEDIA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS.

B. AS PLANNED, THE BUREAU WILL HAVE SATELLITE RECEIVING CAPABILITY TO GIVE FBIS ACCESS TO EUROPEAN DIRECT SATELLITE-TO-CONSUMER BROADCASTS (SPOT BEAMS) IN THE C AND KU BANDS THAT CANNOT BE MONITORED AT EXISTING FBIS FIELD INSTALLATIONS. A PLANNED SATELLITE TRANSMITTING CAPABILITY WILL ALLOW FULL EXPLOITATION OF THE COVERAGE ADVANTAGES ACCRUING FROM A WEST EUROPE SITE FOR THE REAL-TIME TRANSFER OF MONITORED TRANSMISSIONS, INCLUDING LIVE VIDEO, TO HEADQUARTERS.

C. THE PROPOSED BUREAU WILL MONITOR THE PUBLIC MEDIA FROM 11 WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH RADIO, TV, AND PRESS AGENCY COVERAGE TOTALING MORE THAN 275 HOURS WEEKLY. OF THIS TOTAL, 82 HOURS OF TELEVISION WILL BE COVERED LIVE, A CAPABILITY UNAVAILABLE TO FBIS AT THE MOMENT. 4

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D. RESOURCE PROJECTIONS AT FULL BUREAU OPERATIONS INCLUDE

AND APPROXIMATELY FOREIGN NATIONAL EMPLOYEES (1 CHIEFMONITOR, MONITORS, 6 TELETYPEISTS, 3 TECHNICIANS, 2 DRIVERS,
1 CRUISER, 1 ADMIN ASSISTANT).

E. A STUDY CONDUCTED FOR US LATE LAST YEAR BY FORD
AEROSPACE IDENTIFIED WEST GERMANY OR EASTERN BELGIUM AS THE
OPTIMUM SITES FOR THE PROPOSED BUREAU. TO ACCOMMODATE THE
OPERATIONS BUILDING AND UP TO SIX SATELLITE DISH ANTENNAS
(THREE INITIALLY), WE PROJECT SPACE REQUIREMENTS TO BE ABOUT
ACRES. A BUILDING, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY SQ. FT.,

WOULD HOUSE THE BUREAU OPERATIONS. CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS WOULD
BE REALIZED IF THE BUREAU COULD BE LOCATED ON AN EXISTING U.S.
MILITARY FACILITY OR ON OTHER U.S. PROPERTY. 4

3. MY IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS TO DETERMINE CANDIDATE SITES
WHICH ARE ACCEPTABLE AS A BASIS OF FURTHER DISCUSSION IN
WASHINGTON. IT IS MY HOPE THAT A FIRM SELECTION CAN BE MADE THIS

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